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**TOWN OF ACTON
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

Date: July 28, 2008

To: Steve Ledoux, Town Manager

**From: Engineering Department
Bruce M. Stamski, P.E., Town Engineer/Director of Public Works**

**Subject: Proposed Fees for the Transfer Station
Effective 10/1/08**

We will be starting to sell new stickers for the Transfer Station right after Labor Day. After careful review of our budget for this year, I recommend the basic sticker fee be increased 2.7%. This equals the % increase in our Municipal Solid Waste tipping fee (\$75/ton to \$77/Ton) at Wheelabrator North Andover and the approximate % increase in labor costs. Fees for Seniors, Recycling Only and Coupons are recommended not to change. The Transfer Station users, on average, are disposing of less trash thereby keeping costs controlled.

	Present Fee	Proposed Fee	Increase
First Sticker Fee	\$185.00	\$190.00	\$5.00
Second Sticker Fee	\$25.00	\$25.00	0
Senior Citizen Sticker	\$50.00	\$50.00	0
Replacement Sticker	\$7.00	\$7.00	0
Recycling Only Sticker	\$70.00	\$70.00	0
Individual Trip Fee	\$30.00/trip	\$30.00/trip	0
<u>Coupon Fees</u>			
Small Item	\$5.00	\$5.00	0
Large Item	\$15.00	\$15.00	0
Freon Item	\$25.00	\$25.00	0
Furnace/Indust. AC unit	\$40.00	\$40.00	0
Piano/Organ	\$75.00	\$75.00	0

Sincerely,

Bruce M. Stamski

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Re: Transfer Station income/expenditure analysis for FY07, FY08 and FY09 (estimate)

	FY08	FY07	FY09 (estimate)
Sticker Sales	\$581,609	\$570,149	\$604,906
Coupons	\$ 24,769	\$ 33,040	\$ 24,769
Recycling	\$ 7,421	\$ 7,788	\$ 19,814
Medal Pile	\$ 3,669	\$ 2,495	\$ 3,669
Total income	\$617,462	\$613,472	\$653,158
Total expenditures	\$495,321	\$515,021	-----
Available for capital	\$122,141	\$ 98,451	-----
Budget	\$586,844	\$562,249	\$592,534(not including \$385,000 for capital included in the budget)

It has been the policy of the Selectmen to set sticker fees to cover the operating costs of the transfer station while dedicating income from recycling, the metal pile and coupons for future capital needs (i.e. equipment replacement). It was anticipated that this would generate in the vicinity of 40k per year for capital needs. In FY07 and FY08 \$43,323 and \$35,853 was generated from these sources. We believe the drop off in this revenue is due to the economy. People are not buying new large ticket items like refrigerators and therefore not disposing of the old ones. For FY09 we are estimating \$48,000 from this revenue stream. The projected increase over last year is due to our new recycling contract. For the last 3 years we were receiving \$7.50/ton for our paper and \$0.00 for the comingled. Going forward we will receive a minimum of \$20.00/ton for our paper and \$2.50/ton for our comingle.

We have been conservative in estimating the amount of trash to be disposed of at North Andover. For budgeting purposes in FY07 we estimated spending \$356,000 while actually spent \$297,694 (\$58,306 savings). In FY08 we estimated spending \$371,140 while actually spending \$291,750 (\$79,390 savings).

Trash disposal was level funded for FY09 which will be sufficient for 4820 tons. If trash disposal remains at current levels (4000 tons +/-) there will be a surplus of approximately \$63,140 in the trash disposal line. This combined with the \$60,624 surplus built into the budget/income estimate could translate into \$123,764 being available for capital expenditures.